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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Shark Finning Prohi-
3 bition Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 The purpose of this Act is to eliminate the wasteful
6 and unsportsmanlike practice of shark finning and to re-
7 duce the high mortality levels associated with shark fin-
8 ning in waters of the United States.

9 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON REMOVING SHARK FIN AND DIS-**
10 **CARDING SHARK CARCASS AT SEA.**

11 Section 307 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
12 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1857) is
13 amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (N) by striking “or” after
15 the semicolon at the end;

16 (2) in subparagraph (O) by striking the period
17 and inserting “; or”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(P)(i) to remove any of the fins of a
20 shark (including the tail) and discard the car-
21 cass of the shark at sea;

22 “(ii) to have custody, control, or possession
23 of any such fin aboard a fishing vessel without
24 the corresponding carcass; or

- 1 “(iii) to land any such fin without the cor-
- 2 responding carcass;”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 6, 2000.

Attest:

Clerk.